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Wednesday, October 25th 1848.

Brethren:-

I left Philadelphia on the 10th of April. and reached this place in the early part of May. What is termed: "The Indian Territory has been given to the Indians by the government of the United States, for a permanent settlement. Within the last twenty-five years many thousands of Cherokees, Creeks, Chocktaws and Chickasaws, have been removed thither from the states East of the Mississippi with the pledge that they shall not again be compelled to remove. The Territory lies west of the states: Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana, having Texas and Mexica on its south. Beginning south, we have the Chocktaws, Creeks, Cherokees, Osages, Senacas, Potawatomies, Shawnees, Kansas and, Delawares. In some of the Nations, may be found two and three tribes living together. In the Chocktaw Nation the Chickasaws have also taken up their abode. In the Creek Nation, the Seminoles, and some Delawares reside, And I notice that the government of the United States, has lately asked from the Cherokee Nation, permission for the Catawba tribe of Indians now residing in North Carolina, to reside among them. The matter is now up before a general council of the Cherokee Nation, how the Cherokees will entertain the proposition from the U. S. government, I do not know, the matter, unless deferred, will be decided in a few days. It

appears to be the policy of the government, to condense the Indian tribes into as small a space as possible. There is no danger of the government again removing these tribes from their present Locations, and those wild tribes inhabiting the Rocky Mountains and the country extending to the Pacific Ocean, must, eventually find themselves bounded by civilization on the East as well as the West. A few months since a body of U. S. troops from Fort Gibson passed through our Nation, on their way to Santa Fee, so that the tribes instead of being driven into the Pacific, will be forced back to the grand prairie, to intermingle with their more civilized, and it is to be hoped christianized, brethren. There is a great work to be performed among the Aborigines of our country. There are thousands of them living in the darkest heathenism. In the Rocky Mountains are tribes who have never been seen by the any civilized, human being, they crawl upon their hands and knees, and live upon roots and bugs; they are called "Diggers." In our own neighborhood, we have the wild tribes in abundance, the most notorious of which is the Camanchee; they have no settled abode; roam from place to place; hunt the Buffalo and steal; they permit other tribes to hunt in the same range with them, but the "whites" they will not. They are the most warlike nation in this country. They have always been at war with the Spaniards, upon whom they commit the most horrible depre-

dations. The whole nation moves with the Buffalo, from South to North in the Spring; & from north to south in Autumn. They carry on with traders, an extensive trade, in horses & mules, which they catch in the plains, or capture from the Spaniards. I have seen several of the wild tribes, the Keechi, Pawnee, Caddo, Osage, &c. but have not yet met with the Camanche.

The field of our labor is wide. It is a wilderness, in which successful cultivation has recently commenced. It is a rich and hopeful field. "But the laborers are few!" Let us not despise these Indians. He who made them, who supports them, who looks forward with day when they will make a part of his inheritance. He despiseth them not. The work of educating and changing the manners and habits of nearly half a million of Indians, as they are now situated, is acknowledged to be great. But these difficulties are not insurmountable. The arm of the Lord in whom we trust is strong. His power can do all things. It is encouraging, that the rulers and law-givers of our country are favorably disposed toward this great work. With such a disposition on the part of the government what may we not expect? Surely the hand of God is here, the thing which we desire will be accomplished. None shall hinder it. He will bring it to pass.

A few weeks since we laid the foundation & corner-stone of the manual labor academy to be located among the Creek Indians, it was the first ceremony of the kind that has ever taken place in this Nation. Brother Worcester, from Park Hill

in the Cherokee Nation, was present and delivered an address. Brother W. has been laboring among the Cherokees for 28 years, he was imprisoned by the State of Georgia for fifteen months, against a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in his favor; he "cannot find time to visit his friends in the East".

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He is doing a good work, God has blessed, & will help him. There are to be three mission stations in the Creek Nation, under the patronage of our Board. We are all enjoying good health. Pray for us. Remember us all to Drs Alexander, Miller, Hodge, & A. Alexander. Yours, In the bonds of the Gospel

David W. Eakins.